

REMARKS

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-10 and 19-23 without disclaimer of the underlying subject matter or prejudice against subsequent prosecution in a continuation application, and amend claims 11-14.

Applicants acknowledge the indication in the Office Action that claims 11-18 define patentable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 11 to be in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims from which it depends. The remaining claims 12-18 now all depend from claim 11.

Accordingly, Applicants now respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 11-18, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283-0720 to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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